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ACCREDITATION TEAM TO INSPECT
UM LAW SCHOOL OCT. 14-16

MISSOULA--

A four-man accreditation team will visit the University of Montana School of Law Oct. 14-16 to review and inspect the UM law school program, according to Dean Robert E. Sullivan.

Sullivan said the purposes of the reinspection program are threefold: to assist the law school to attain its full potential; to determine whether the school and its program are in full compliance with the standards of the American Bar Association for the approval of law schools, and to identify and report on the developments in curriculum, teaching, research and public service which would be of interest to others in legal education.

"The reinspection visit comes after an in-depth self-evaluation of our program with special regard to the school's current strengths and weaknesses," Sullivan said.

"The carefully selected accreditation team will examine some of our problem areas in past few years and evaluate curriculum innovations now being implemented," he added.

The four-man group will meet with UM law school faculty and students, review the law program with University administrators and inspect the law school facilities. A full report outlining the group's findings will be submitted to the law school at a later date.

Sullivan said the accreditation visit coincides with the UM law school Board of Visitors meeting at the law school Oct. 16-17. The Board of Visitors is a cross-section of UM law school alumni from throughout the state which also reviews the law school program and makes suggestions to Dean Sullivan.

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Members of the accreditation team visiting UM are: Frederick M. Hart, dean and the professor of/University of New Mexico School of Law, Albuquerque, William R. Andersen, professor of law at the University of Washington School of Law, Seattle; and Richard G. Hutchins, assistant professor and director of the law library at the University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City.

The fourth member of the group, an attorney or judge, has not yet been selected by the ABA accreditation committee.

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